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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to a pants-shaped absorbent product, such as incontinence pants ~~or pull-ups~~, intended for males. The absorbent product comprises a front section, a rear section, a crotch section, side sections, which are intended to connect the front section and the rear section in the lateral direction and which comprise hip sections, an elastic waist region, and an absorbent element which, when the article is in use, is intended to at least cover the penis of the user. The absorbent article further comprises a liquid-tight outer layer, which is intended to enclose the absorbent element at least on the side thereof facing away from the user when the product is worn.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

The smaller the absorption bodies, the more important it is that the absorption bodies should land in the right place directly in front of the genitals of the user and should remain in place during use, even when the user is very active and moving a lot. Consumers are also becoming increasingly demanding about discretion, comfort, and reliability. The requirements that the absorption body will end up correctly positioned when it is donned and will thereafter be held in the right place have therefore increased the need for the product to be securely fixed on the body and for it to respond closely to the body when the user moves, at the same time as requirements have increased for the product always to land in the right place when

the article is applied to the user. This has led to the development of so-called ~~pull-ups~~ pant-type diapers, which have elastic sections for enhanced fit and comfort and enhanced responsiveness to the movements of the user compared with conventional absorbent products.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

An early patent publication relating to disposable-type ~~pull-ups~~ pant diapers is GB 2 112 267-A. This 1983 publication shows primitive ~~pull-ups~~ pant-type diapers which never became a commercial product. Not until the 1990's did absorbent products having a pants-like shape and design become a commercial success. Pants-like products now exist in the form of children's diapers and adults' diapers.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Pull-ups~~ Pant-like diapers which have hitherto been commercially available have been configured, in principle, like conventional diapers, having a front section and a rear section and an intermediate crotch section, the front and rear section being mutually joined.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Known ~~pull-ups~~ pant-type products which are available on the market work satisfactorily for women. As far as male incontinence is concerned, there are so far no ~~pull-ups~~ pant-type products which are satisfactory in every respect.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

A major problem for male incontinence sufferers who do not have any movement-related problems is that public toilets for men have urinals, the use of which requires the user to have pants with a fly. It is naturally inconceivable for a man, in connection with a toilet visit at a urinal, to pull down the whole of the pull-ups pants-type product and thereby reveal private and embarrassing problems to those around him. The consequence of this is that even relatively minor incontinence problems become very embarrassing for men in everyday life. Visits to sports arenas and other major events are, in practice, almost impossible for men with incontinence problems. Correspondingly, so-called "training pants", which are used when children have to be weaned off diapers, also to some extent represent a problem for small boys. Over the years, there have been a host of solutions proposed to the abovementioned problems. Common to all these proposed solutions is that the diaper or pull-up has been provided with some form of opening, which is intended to serve as a fly opening.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

By virtue of the fact that the whole of the rear section is also elastic and, together with the elastic side sections, forms a single elastic continuous first piece, the pants as a whole are very responsive to body movements. Local disturbances are absorbed and smoothed out by the continuous elastic piece and are not transmitted to the less resilient parts of the front section and crotch section situated

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directly in front of the genitals of the user. Compared with conventional diapers and previously known pants-shaped absorbent products, superior fit and comfort are obtained. The greater part of the pants-like garment remains totally plain. The seams needed are fitted at the transition between the front section and the first piece and at the transition between the first and second piece at the crotch section. These seams end up in places which are not subjected to any great pressure during product usage and there is less risk of chafing and pressure sores caused by seams on the pants-like product compared with known ~~pull-ups~~ pants-like products currently available.